

The Farm and Garden.

Agricultural Items.

A table spoonful of coarse salt dropped on each hill of corn, soon after planting, is far better to keep off cut-worms than soaking the corn in gas tar. The salt is carried down by the rains, and acts as a fertilizer, besides destroying the worm. Unless the season is very wet the coating of the tar interferes with the absorption by the corn of the necessary moisture for germination.

A farmer says that coughing in horses is caused by the fine dust in the hay, detached by pulling it through a rack. Take away the rack and feed from a bin on the floor and the coughing will cease.

A good farmer will not rely on his neighbor for the tools necessary for his business, nor for seed to plant which he can as well raise for himself.

In the report of the Department of Agriculture for March is an article predicting the speedy recovery of the cotton growing interest in the South.

The institution of a Farmers' Club in each town now destitute of one would, as a general thing, prove a good investment.

Crop prospects in Ohio and the West generally are highly flattering. The promise of wheat is much better than was expected.

Cotton planting commenced in Alabama about the first of April, and was being vigorously prosecuted. Corn was up and promised well.

Bran, saturated with tepid water, and flavored with salt, fed to the cows three times a day will augment the flow of milk twenty-five per cent.

It is said that the sugar crop in Louisiana is more than usually promising this season. The freedmen are doing much better this year than last.

FOR HOUSE CLEANING.—White chalk is the best substitute for lime as a wash. A very fine and brilliant white-wash preparation of chalk is called "Paris White." This we buy at the paint stores for three cents per pound, retail. For each sixteen pounds of Paris White we procure half a pound of the white transparent glue, costing twenty-five cents (fifty cents a pound). The sixteen pounds of Paris White is about as much as a person will use in a day. It is prepared as follows:—The glue is covered with cold water at night, and in the morning is carefully heated, without scorching, until dissolved. The Paris White is stirred in with hot water, enough to give it the proper milky consistency for applying it to the walls, and the dissolved glue is then added and thoroughly mixed. It is then applied with a brush like the common lime whitewash. Except on very dark and smoky walls and ceilings, a single coat is sufficient. It is nearly equal in brilliancy to "zinc-white," a far more expensive article.

Odds and Ends.

A large number of lady artists in London earn a comfortable living by wood engraving.

The seeds of the gigantic trees of California hardly exceed in size those of the mustard.

The best exercising of the memory—Remembering the poor.

The science of numbers—Knowledge of the people.

Memphis is losing its population in large numbers. High rents, dear living, and no business are the causes.

Grass billiards is the newest name for croquet.

An Ohio widow aged one hundred and three died a few days since.

Nectarines and apricots are killed by the frosts in Kansas.

Detroit will count its noses next month, and expects to find 90,000.

Only crows and fools are afraid of a shabby suit of clothes.

What ship ought to be freighted with great care? Scholar-ship.

A frog does not remember when he was a tadpole, but others do.

When you see a small waist remember the great waste of health it costs.

When is a plant like a hog? When it begins to root. And when is it like a soldier? When it begins to shoot.

Men of the noblest disposition think themselves the happiest when others share their happiness with them.

When a rogue means to utter a worse lie than usual, he generally prefaces it with—"To tell you the truth."

To learn the value of money, try to borrow.

Thoughts, not hours, are measures of life.

When is the moon at home? When she is in her "quarters."

A man of words and not of deeds is like a garden full of weeds.

S. D. & H. W. SMITH'S AMERICAN ORGANS.—We have ourselves both seen and heard a large instrument of the above manufacture, which has been purchased by the Congressional Society of this place. It is a very superior instrument in the mechanical perfection of its various parts, and in the resemblance of its tones to those of a pipe organ, it is superior to any we have ever heard. It contains 5 sets of reeds and 14 stops, and is capable of a great variety of expression—its softest tone being beautifully sweet and pure, while the stronger tones are delightfully full and sonorous. The reeds are so voiced that there is a marked difference in the quality of the tones of each set, and by this improvement different qualities of tone can be used when desired, and when the whole are combined, a richer, grander volume of tone is produced than can be by other instruments not thus voiced. It is just that we should say that this Organ was selected by the committee, after a careful study and trial of the most celebrated reed organs, and is believed by them to possess more of the requisite qualities to make up a good instrument, than any other kind of organ manufactured. These organs are manufactured by S. D. & H. W. Smith at Boston, Mass.—Barton Standard.

Napoleon's Veteran.

I was once present at a curious scene which took place in the Palace Vendome. When in conversation with a French physician, at the corner of the Rue St. Honore, a group of then veterans advanced toward us. From their gesticulations, they appeared to be highly excited with the subject of their conversation, and were evidently endeavoring to impress upon one of their comrades (a tall, thin, pale faced old man, in the uniform of the Imperial Guard) some argument which he would not admit.

Stimulated by curiosity we advanced toward them, and found the cause of their excitement to be of the refusal of the grandier to enter a wine shop with them; they accusing him of the want of due respect to the memory of the Emperor, and he pleaded in excuse his inferior state of health; adding that he had left his bed that morning solely because he considered it his duty to be present at the column on the anniversary of the death of Napoleon.

His friends, finding their arguments of no avail, left him, and he continued his path alone, towards the garden of the Tuilleries, my friend, the doctor, watching him attentively. Presently we saw the old man stagger, and immediately fell. My friend rushed up to him, and found that he had fainted.

The old man presently recovered himself sufficiently to state his address, and a fiacre passing at the moment, the doctor hailed it, and drove off with his patient. On meeting my friend the next day, I asked after his poor man.

"He has gone, poor fellow," was his reply; "he died about two hours after he had reached his home. His death was in every way worthy of the gallant old fellow he was. When he arrived at his lodging I wished him to be undressed and placed in his bed."

"No, doctor," said he, "I know I have but a few hours to live, and I should like to die in my uniform, though I die on a bed."

"He then requested that a priest might be sent for, who immediately attended and administered to him the last offices of religion. Half an hour afterward the poor fellow was no more."

Important to Travellers on Railroads.

There is a great deal of travel on our railroads at this season of the year, we have procured the railroad signals, which will be found interesting to those who travel on the cars or witness the movement of the trains, and the men who operate the roads may desire to know the signals used everywhere on the roads. The signals are given by the whistle, by lanterns, flags, and motion of the arms. Their significance is:

One whistle—"Down brakes."
Two whistles—"Off brakes."
Three whistles—"Back up."
Continued whistle—"Danger."

A rapid succession of short whistles is the cattle alarm, at which the brakes will always be put down.

A sweeping parting of the hands on the level of eye is the signal to "go ahead."

A downward motion of one hand, with extended arms, "to stop."

A beckoning motion of one hand, "to back."

A lantern raised and lowered, vertically it is a signal for "starting;" swung at right angles, or crosswise the track, "to stop," swung in a circle, "back the train."

A red flag waved upon the track must be regarded as a signal of danger. So with other signals given with energy.

Hoisted at a station is a signal for a train to stop. Stuck up by the roadside is a signal of danger on the track ahead.

Carried unfurled upon the engine is a warning that another engine or train is on its way.

A curious incident is told in relation to the funeral of the late Thomas D'Arcy McGee. When the burial service was over at the cemetery, and the dispersing, some of the members of the procession, whose legs had become a little shaky, were disheartened at the idea of walking back to Montreal, a distance of two miles. The funeral car, with its six noble steeds, was a very tempting spectacle, so, after a little parley, some dozen or so clambered into the empty hearse, two or three more perched themselves on the outside, with one on the back of each of the horses as out-riders, and in this manner the catafalque came into town, and, as may be readily imagined, the sight created quite a sensation among the quiet inhabitants.

Nashby, in his last letter, thus describes the old method of treating independent people at the "Corners":

"There never will be peace or anything like it at the Corners till that disturber Joe Bigler, and his faithful adherents, alder and abetter, Pollock, are shot or otherwise killed. In the olden time afore the inoggerashen uv the Abblshen era, we had a short way uv disposin uv sich. It wuz a maxim in the South that ther coud be pecee only where ther wuz a perfect yoonannity uv sentiment and to bring about that onenis uv ideas—that delightful concord which wuz so desirable—we were in the habit uv shot-in or hanging the most stubborn uv those which didn't agree with the majority, and tarrin and featherin those who were yet accessible to Kentucky reason. By vigorously pressoin this course the minorities in this vicinity wuz kept tolerably small and controllable."

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN.—Let the business of every one alone, and attend to your own. Don't buy what you don't want. Use every hour to advantage, and study to make a leisure hour useful. Think twice before you spend a dollar—remember you will have another to make for it. Look over your books regularly, and if you find an error, trace it out. Should a stroke of misfortune come upon you, in your business, retrench, work harder but never fly the track. Confront difficulties with unflinching perseverance, and they will disappear at last; though you will be honored, but shrink and you will be despised.

"AS YOU LIVE."—An honest rustic went into the shop of a Quaker to buy a hat, for which twenty-five shillings were demanded. He offered twenty shillings. "As I live," said the Quaker, "I cannot afford to give it thee at that price."

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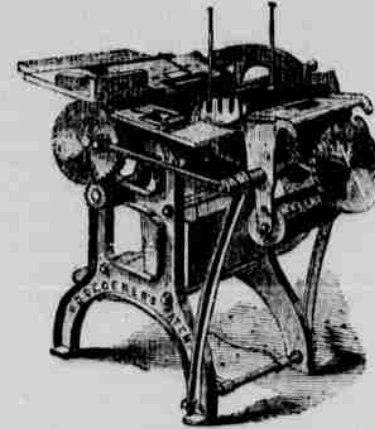
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